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CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY:

"A College with All New England for a Campus . . ."

by Kathie Burns, college archivist

That's how the *Springfield Union* characterized Northeastern College's establishment of branch operations in local YMCAs in several New England cities, including Springfield.

Offering a college education in law and business in the evening to working men and women was an idea whose time had come. So it was that in 1919, the education committee of the Springfield Central YMCA signed an agreement with Northeastern to form the Springfield Division of Northeastern University, popularly known as Springfield-Northeastern. This school, which was to become Western New England College, opened in September with approximately 100 students.

The Year was 1919

Tuition for the 1919-1920 school year was $100. To put this in perspective, consider these 1919 prices:

- *The Saturday Evening Post* was a nickel
- It cost one cent to send a post card
- A five-course meal in a Springfield hotel was one dollar
- A new Studebaker sold for $1685, but you could buy a new Chevy for $735.

The Versailles Treaty, ending World War I, was signed in 1919, and that was also the year Prohibition began.

The First Years

John Doan Churchill, then only 26 years old, was selected as the director of Springfield-Northeastern in 1920, a position he held until 1951, when he became first president of Western New England College. Mr. Churchill was the embodiment of everything Northeastern had hoped for. He handled the College's finances, taught classes, and personally interviewed all applicants.

Springfield-Northeastern prospered during the "Roaring Twenties." In 1928, the business program was expanded from four to six years, leading to a BBA degree, comparable to conventional full-time colleges. By the 1928-29 school year, enrollment had risen to 566, leading to an expansion of the YMCA, costing $439,000, which was more than the original building had cost.

The Thirties

The YMCA annex opened in 1930, just as the Great Depression struck, and the number of students who were able to afford the average yearly tuition of $150 in the law school and $115 in the business school became fewer and fewer. As director John Churchill reported in 1931, "There has been a noticeable increase in requests for extensions of time in which to pay tuition bills."

The YMCA on Chestnut Street in Springfield was home to Springfield-Northeastern from 1919 to 1951 and Western New England College from 1951 to 1964. This photo shows the building after an addition was completed in 1930. The College occupied rooms on the second and third floors in the new addition, located on the far left side of the building.

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75 YEARS
1919 – 1994

To deal with the fiscal situation, the Board of Governors cut faculty and staff salaries ten percent in 1931. At the time the average pay for instructors was $10 an evening with extra compensation for correcting tests and quizzes. Director Churchill earned $5,000 annually. An additional ten percent cut was applied to administrative staff the following year.

Northeastern and the YMCA combined with local businesses to offer classes in the day to the unemployed at no charge. Topics included blueprint reading, shop mathematics, economics, and salesmanship. Sixty students enrolled. After reaching a record low in 1932-33, enrollment began to rise slowly as the country recovered.

The Forties

Economic conditions and enrollment improved as the 1930s progressed, but the Springfield division had little time to recover before several circumstances combined to create more hard times.

Northeastern decided to pursue accreditation for its day law school in Boston, and was told by the accrediting agency that full acceptance was possible only without the evening programs in law. Boston then told its divisions to terminate their law schools. The Worcester and Providence operations ceased all their programs, but Springfield closed only the law school, graduating the final law class in August 1942.

The School of Business continued but enrollment began to dwindle with the advent of World War II. Students had to withdraw from classes because they were working in war-related industries that functioned around the clock. As a result, the graduating classes in 1944 and 1945 each had only six members.

Once again the division offered its expertise to the community, this time as a site for government sponsored defense training courses that included Applied Mechanics, Machine Design, and Materials Testing. Three hundred applications were received for two hundred slots. By November 1945, John Churchill reported, "We can breath more freely now. . . that the war is over."

Independence

In the post-World War II period, enrollment jumped sharply, from 184 in 1944-45 to 559 just two years later, due largely to the passage of the G.I. Bill, which paid for higher education for those who had served their country.

Springfield was the only remaining division of Northeastern and it was, in the words of one former board member, "just a matter of time" before the division and its parent university parted ways. In 1950, Northeastern notified Springfield that it was terminating its affiliation.

John Churchill presented the Board of Governors with four options: (1) to stop the educational program completely; (2) to continue a program at a level that would not lead to a degree; (3) to affiliate with some local college; (4) to obtain a charter that would permit a separate collegiate operation. The board voted to pursue an independent charter.

What's in a Name

What to call the new college? Among the names suggested were: Pynchon College, Western New England College, Connecticut Valley College, College of Western Massachusetts, Hampden College, and Bay State College. The first ballot taken on February 1, 1951, produced a tie (four votes each for Connecticut Valley College and Western New England College). The second vote favored Western New England College.

"For the first time in the history of WNEC, we now have a completed campus. . . . After 15 years of constant building, we can now turn our attention to other needs."

Dr. Beverly Miller
from a message to the alumni on the occasion of the completion of the Alumni Healthful Living Center

When Western New England College came into being in July of 1951, little changed beside the name. The College catalog listed the same courses as before and the College occupied the same rented quarters in the YMCA. Director Churchill became president; the administration remained the same, and the Board of

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Governors all remained as members of the new Board of Trustees. The major difference was the reinstitution of an evening law program.

The first graduating class, and the five that followed it, had started under Northeastern's aegis and were allowed to choose which degree they wanted, Northeastern or Western New England College. A brave 18 souls out of a total of 69 graduates of the class of 1952 chose a Western New England College degree. The final Northeastern degree was awarded to one graduate in 1957.

Growth and Development

John Churchill's sudden death in August 1954 left a void in the leadership of the institution he had nourished since 1920 that was filled by the election of Dr. Beaumont Herman as the second president of Western New England College in June 1955. During the 21 years of Dr. Herman's stewardship, the fledgling institution truly became a college. The College that had no day classes, no campus, and no accreditation, acquired all three.

Several years stand out as milestones in this development. In 1956, Dr. Herman recommended "that the College inaugurate a day program in engineering as of September 1957. By this one stroke we would become finally a college, and not a night college." Also in 1956, 34 acres of land were purchased on Wilbraham Road as a campus.

The first building, Emerson Hall, was dedicated three years later. Over the course of the next 18 years (1960-1978), 12 major buildings were constructed on campus. In 1961, the College purchased additional land on the west side of campus from Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Also in 1961, Andrew J. Mulcahy, Jr. was hired to fill the newly created double position of director of student activities and placement; the beginning of a long and dedicated relationship with the College.

Significant events in 1965 included accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the opening of the first residence hall, Hampden Hall, and the D. J. St. Germain Campus Center, both designed to better serve a changing student population.

Nineteen seventy-three saw the opening of two badly needed buildings: a science-classroom building, William H. Sleith Hall, and a physical education building, Rivers Memorial. The S. Presley Blake Law building was completed in 1978, the same year the School of Law was granted full accreditation by the American Bar Association.

The Eighties—The Master Plan

Just as Dr. Herman gave the College new beginnings, Dr. Beverly Miller, who became president in 1980, continues to lead the College in new and innovative directions.

In 1980, a Campus Master Plan was adopted to carry the College through the decade and beyond. During Dr. Miller's tenure, this immense undertaking began, and was completed ahead of schedule. The plan included the construction of two major buildings, the D'Amour Library and the Alumni Healthful Living Center, extensive renovations to the campus center and Churchill Hall, and the acquisition of Gateway Village for student housing.

As the College continued to change from a predominantly commuter to a residential college, the Gateway apartment complex, purchased in 1981, eventually housed more than 500 students. A two-story 31,000 square foot addition, wrapped around the side and back of the St. Germain Campus Center in 1982, was the first step of the master plan. It expanded food services for residential students and provided offices and a central location for expanded student services.

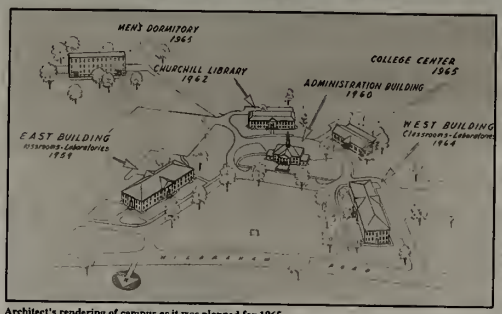
In November 1982, Dr. Miller wrote to alumni and friends, "It is impossible to overemphasize the College's urgent need for the D'Amour Library, now under construction. When Churchill Library was built in 1962, WNEC enrolled 1,800 students, all commuters. Last year, that same facility served 6,918 students, nearly 1,200 of whom were in residence on the campus." D'Amour Library opened in 1984.

With Churchill now empty, it was the perfect opportunity to renovate and provide badly needed offices for faculty and space for a much larger Computer Center. The final step in Phase One of the master plan, a refurbished Churchill Hall, opened in 1988.

The final phase, the construction of the Alumni Healthful Living Center, began in 1992, one year ahead of schedule, and opened in 1993. A comprehensive health and recreation facility, the Center is by far the largest structure on campus at 115,000 square feet. It provides facilities for physical education, health education, recreation, intercollegiate and intramural sports, and health services to the College community. Says Dr. Miller, "For the first time in the history of WNEC, we now have a completed campus....After 15 years of constant building, we can now turn our attention to other needs."

Also during Dr. Miller's tenure at Western New England College, the Campus Utility Building was erected to provide a consolidated and adequate service area for the campus. The College added 37.5 acres to its land, the endowment has increased from less than $1 million to more than $16 million, and the majors the College offers to its undergraduate and graduate students have grown from 25 in 1980 to more than 50 in 1994.

The campus master plan adopted in 1980 called for a new library, additional athletic and residential facilities, and renovations to the campus center and Churchill Hall, all of which were accomplished ahead of schedule. In the picture, a consultant for the Hillier Group and a student look at the proposed plan.



Architect's rendering of campus as it was planned for 1965.

During World War II, classrooms were emptied by students drafted into service or employed in defense-related industries. As a result, graduating classes were small. Shown here is the Class of 1945, all six members. Front row: Warren Christensen, Samuel Wallens, Leonard Martin, and Franklyn Ferguson. Back row: Isadore Blatt and Frederick Bardwell.

Dr. Clarence Chatto is shown teaching an English class in the early 1960s. Professor Chatto, who taught from 1933 to 1971, is remembered fondly by many alumni.

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The Ninties

Innovation continues to be the key word in the Nineties. The College has recently created some groundbreaking programs including the Weekend MBA, which began in 1993 and graduated its first class in September 1994.

To make sure students at WNEC continue to come away with a complete educational experience, Dr. Miller launched the WNEC 2000+ Plan in 1992. The plan included 135 faculty members, staff, adminstrators, and classified employees serving as members on 12 task teams studying what paths the College should take in a variety of areas to better service the needs of students and society after the turn of the century.

The College is currently undertaking major restructuring efforts to enhance the quality of life for students. The new office of Student Administrative Services will merge the functions of the Office of Records and Registration, Billing and Collections office, and the Financial Aid office to provide efficient service to students as of January 15, 1995. In 1993, the Personnel office and the Career Planning & Placement office merged to form Career and Human Resources. And a complete retooling of the admissions process was undertaken.

The changes that have taken place in the past 75 years are many and varied. The College has moved from a few rented rooms on the second floor of the YMCA in 1919 to a 131-acre campus with 19 major buildings. From a commuter school, it has developed into a residential college. From an initial enrollment of 100 students, all in evening classes, it has grown to serve more than 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students in full and part-time programs both on and off the campus.

We will enter the 21st century with a complete campus, thanks to Dr. Miller, the trustees, and our many supporters, especially our dedicated alumni, now 20,000 strong, in all parts of the country and the world.

Senior Heidi O'Connor works out in the Alumni Healthful Living Center. She says, "With such a great facility, and so much emphasis put on health, it's hard not to get swept up in it."

CAMPUS EVENTS

Welcome Dr. Robert Grinnell

"If we advance confidently in the direction of our dreams, and endeavor to live the life which we have imagined, we will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

Adapted from
Henry David Thoreau

"That's how I feel," says Dr. Robert Grinnell, the new vice president for institutional advancement, "I'm meeting a success unexpected. I'm thrilled to be at Western New England College. From the start, I felt a sense of comfort and affinity here at WNEC, and it has just kept growing."

Dr. Grinnell, who asks that you call him Bob, started at the College on August 15, and he's been thoroughly enjoying meeting new people and getting familiar with the campus. He adds, "I plan to keep meeting new people, including as many of our alumni as possible."

Dr. Robert Grinnell, vice president for institutional advancement.

Born in Shaker Heights, OH, Bob was raised in Buffalo, Albion, and Rochester, NY. He received his bachelor's degree from Park College in Missouri and then entered the Peace Corps and spent two years in India, raising chickens. He says, "It was a wonderful experience. I know I gained much more than I contributed."

Returning to the United States, he studied for his master's degree at Colgate University. He then went on to hold positions at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, NY, as assistant director of admissions, Herkimer County Community College in Herkimer, NY, as assistant to the president, and Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY, as vice president for development and college relations. He received his Ph.D. from Syracuse University in 1983 before joining the staff at Cazenovia.

After six years at Cazenovia, Dr. Grinnell decided to start his own consulting business. For five years he served profit and non-profit organizations as well as started several business enterprises with partners. He says, "I realized that I enjoyed what I was doing, but I missed the campus atmosphere, that collegiality. Consulting is interesting but isolating, so I decided I wanted to be back in higher education and here I am!"

Currently Bob is living in Springfield. He says, "I like the area very much. There's so much diversity. I've been to a car show in Deerfield, to Tanglewood, Northampton, and Cape Cod." He has two daughters: Heather, 28, who is in the human services field in New York, where she lives with her husband and two children; and Elizabeth, 23, who is in the Army stationed in Germany.

Along with physical hobbies such as roller blading, Bob loves "playing with ideas." A lover of paradoxes, puns, and metaphors, he says, "I know I have some big shoes to fill here, literally and figuratively!" referring to those of six foot six inch tall Alan Hale, director of institutional advancement for the last 17 years. Mr. Hale had guided the College though four successful capital campaigns, including the recent Alumni Healthful Living Center campaign. "I feel fortunate to have had the chance to work with him for a month. It has been of great value." Dr. Grinnell adds. "Right now, I'm just absorbing everything. I've been observing and getting ideas. I hope to create even more ways in which institutional advancement can serve the College and its diverse constituencies."

Human Relations Lecture Series Begins

The Human Relations and Human Issues Lecture Program series began October 20 as Hirsh Goodman, editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Report*, spoke about the history of Israel, and discussed his predictions for the future of the Middle East. His lecture was titled "From the British Mandate to Palestinian Autonomy. . . and Beyond."

Congressman Richard Neal spoke at the national health care seminar conducted at the College recently. Also part of the panel, seated L to R, were James Miller of MassMutual and Sister Mary Caritas, former president of Mercy Hospital, with Hyman Darling L'77, a member of the College's Planned Giving Advisory Committee, serving as moderator for the evening.

Weekend MBA Graduates Its First Class

The Weekend MBA program, which began October 2, 1993, with 48 students participating, finished up October 1, 1994, with 42 students completing the program in its first year. Official graduation took place October 15. The curriculum was designed specifically to meet business's most pressing need: a managerial force with the ability to inspire teamwork and deliver quality products.

National Health Care Seminar Offered

The Office of Institutional Advancement at Western New England College sponsored a seminar on national health care on November 15 in the Alumni Healthful Living Center. Congressman Richard Neal gave a federal government perspective, James Miller, executive vice president of Life and Health Benefits at Mass Mutual, give an insurer's perspective, and Sister Mary Caritas, former president of Mercy Hospital, gave a provider's perspective.

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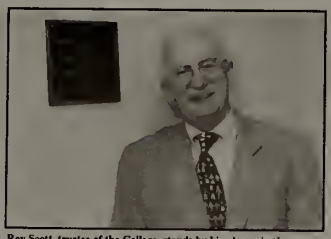
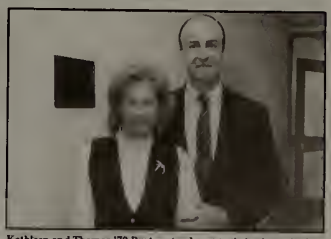
The Gormans stand in front of the meeting room, which they named, in the Alumni Healthful Living Center. L to R: Marilyn '88, Kevin '91, Phil G'80, Marion, and Paul '89.



Roy Scott, trustee of the College, stands by his plaque in the Alumni Healthful Living Center, during Homecoming.



Kathleen and Thomas '70 Burton stand next to their plaque in the Alumni Healthful Living Center, during Homecoming. Thomas is also a trustee of the College.

HOMECOMING '94

Alumni Association Annual Meeting

Homecoming 1994, October 22, began early in the morning with the Alumni Association Annual Meeting. New officers were selected. They include: Christine Soverow '85, president; Michael Serafino '77, vice president; Amy Goulet '88, secretary; Michael Susco '77, National Committee coordinator; Edward Anastasi '89, Service Committee coordinator, Kenneth Rickson '75 and Neville Bogle '75/G'81, members-at-large.

Also at the meeting, Nicholas Creanza G'79 was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his help in the Alumni Healthful Living Center campaign. As president of the Alumni Association when the Campaign began, Nick was instrumental in promoting support on the part of alumni.

Peter Stone presents Nick Creanza G'79 with a certificate of appreciation during Homecoming.

Alfred LaRiviere '51 and Emma Anderson outside the Alumni Healthful Living Center. Emma named two examining rooms in the health wing of the new Center.

Alumni Awards Ceremony

After a breakfast buffet, Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College, spoke about "Seventy-five Years of Excellence." Alfred LaRiviere '51 presented the Alumnus of the Year Award to Peter Stone '70/G'78 (see article page 7).

Leon Carman L'41 headed the list of special Alumni Healthful Living Center campaign volunteers honored at the Awards Breakfast. Others receiving recognition were: Thomas Burton '70, Roy Scott, Kenneth Cardwell '63/G'64, Raymond Meyers '51/G'64, Michael '77 and Patricia Serafino '77, Peter Stone, and Michael Susco '70.

The Alumni Association presented the 1994 Skookum Award of Excellence to 15 members of the Senior Class. Christine Soverow '85, and Michael Serafino '77, president and vice president of the Alumni Association respectively, presented the awards.

It's Official: The Alumni Healthful Living Center

In recognition of the contributions of over 7,000 alumni, the Alumni Healthful Living Center received its new name during Homecoming '94. Dr. Beverly Miller expressed appreciation for the contributions of alumni, who donated $2.1 million, the largest single gift in the campaign.

Five of the nine people receiving recognition as special Healthful Living Center campaign volunteers with Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College. Michael Serafino '77, Ray Meyers '51/G'64, Thomas Burton '70, Dr. Miller, Michael Susco '70, and Peter Stone '70/G'78.

Capstone Luncheon

Members of the Capstone Club joined Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College, and Dr. Robert Grinnell, vice president for institutional advancement, for a special luncheon in the People's Place of the Campus Center during Homecoming.

Capstone Club members each donated $25,000 to the Alumni Healthful Living Center campaign during the final months of the Kresge Challenge.

Alfred '51 and Marian LaRiviere talk with Dr. Miller during the luncheon for Capstone Club members.

Winners of the 1994 Skookum Award of Excellence are Front Row: Suzanne Martinez, Jerilynn Johnston, Douglas Geller, Amy-Margaret Johnson, Heather Voets, Leslie Russell, and Corry Lyn Zwihel. Back Row: Mike Serafino (presenter), Anthony Mancini, Gregory Madrid, Gregory Majewski, Barbara Lakota, Karen Connelly, Stacey Speich, Agnes Napierkowski, Kevin Castonguay, Chris Soverow (presenter) and Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College. Kevin Castonguay and Amy-Margaret Johnson were recipients of the Royal Skookum Award for extraordinary commitment to excellence, and Agnes Napierkowski received the Grand Skookum Award, for showing a commitment that exceeds the ordinary and serves as a example to all.

Dr. Judith Brissette, and her mom, Mrs. Hilda Brissette, enjoy a moment during Homecoming.

The company of Bacon & Wilson, P.C. named the Information Desk and also the vestibule in the Alumni Healthful Living Center in memory of Peter Wilson. Michael Ratner of Bacon & Wilson poses by the plaque.

Henry '70 and Shirley Hayes browse through yearbooks on display in the Alumni Healthful Living Center during Homecoming. As Capstone members, they named the elevator in the new Center.

Luncheon Celebrates Diversity

The traditional Multicultural Luncheon took place during Homecoming, arranged by Yvonne Bogle, director of diversity programs and services at the College. Alumni and students with their families joined College staff for a lively luncheon. Says Yvonne, "Students always love the opportunity to get together with alumni and ask 'What was it like when. . .'"

Alumni, students and their families gathered for the Multicultural Luncheon during Homecoming.

Generations of WNEC graduates celebrate during Homecoming. L to R: Jeff Goulet '88 with his dad, Ron (sitting); Paul '89, Marilyn '88, and Kevin '91 Gorman with their dad, Phil G'80 (sitting); Amy Kruger '92 with her dad, Dave '68/G'72; and George Moriarty '56 (father of Richard Moriarty '78) with his grandson (sitting right)

Generations at WNEC

"The Wisdom of the Past,
The Energy of the Present
For Generations to Come
A rich Legacy at WNEC"

Marilyn Gorman '88

With the College now 75 years old, a number of alumni have sons or daughters who are alumni also. The "generations" of alumni shared memories at a special reception in their honor.

Still Setting the Pace

The Pacesetters, a special group of alumni who reached out to their retired colleagues during the Alumni Healthful Living Center campaign, have decided to stay together and enlarge their group. "Retired alumni have a unique role to play in support of the College," says Evan Simpson '61, who, along with Ray Meyers '51, heads up the group.

Happy Anniversary WNEC

Western New England College first opened its doors in September 1919. Back then, it was known as the Springfield Division of Northeastern University. Capping off Homecoming, the College marked this 75th anniversary at the alumni/student dinner in the evening. In the picture: Following the traditional singing of "Happy Birthday," Dr. Miller cut the cake and invited everyone to share.

Dawn Johnson, assistant director of admissions, Tom Manzi '87, Ira Long '92, and William Campanella, associate director of admissions, discuss the Alumni-in-Admissions program during Homecoming.

A tailgate party, right here at WNEC! During Homecoming, alumni and friends set up a table by their cars, and cooked their own great food as they watched the varsity football match.

ALUMNI NEWS

Christine Soverow is the New Association President

New Alumni Association President Chris Soverow at a recent meeting on the campus.

Christine (Jez) Soverow graduated from the College in 1985. She earned a degree in marketing, and she's been putting it to work as a member of the Alumni Association ever since. "I became involved in the Association shortly after I graduated and I've worked on many projects. We have so much to be proud of; we have 634 active alumni volunteers and more than 7,000 alumni made contributions to the last campaign."

Chris is married to Michael Soverow, who currently attends Western New England College. They live in Longmeadow, MA, with their two children, Michele, 4, and Nathan, 2. Chris holds a masters degree in education from Cambridge College, and currently is a territory director for Bay State College, Boston, MA. While a student at WNEC from 1983-1985, Chris worked as assistant director of the Business Internship Program where she helped develop a comprehensive internship program which grew from 9 students and 14 organizations to 128 students and 186 organizations.

As the new president of the Alumni Association, Chris hopes to guide the Association "to keep growing and expanding it's network among alumni. We have a dynamic Executive Committee in place this year. Under the leadership of Mike Susco '70 and Kim Mac Leod '73, the National Committee will continue to build its network of regional representatives throughout the country. The Service Committee is led this year by a new member, Ted Anastasi '89. From his Boston base, Ted will be working closely with our Career and Human Resources office helping to promote the internship program to our alumni and setting up systems to help our unemployed alumni."

The Executive Cabinet, consisting of Mike Serafino '77, vice president, Amy (Smith) Goulet '88 secretary, and Chris as president plan to work as a cohesive team, continuing to strengthen their relationship with the freshman and senior classes, as well as the general body of alumni. As chair of the Alumni Association's Skookum Award of Excellence committee, Chris says, "I am proud to say that after five years, this award has reached a high level of respect and recognition among students, faculty, and administrators."

Adds Chris, "I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year. It's the College's 75th Anniversary and there is so much to celebrate. At our helm, we have a new vice president for institutional advancement, Dr. Robert Grinnell, and I am looking forward to the new ideas that I am sure he will bring us."

Chris remembers that when she started volunteering for the College back in 1986, the fundraising efforts were on scholarships. She says, "Now we're emphasizing scholarships once again, though we never really stopped. But I feel I've come full circle, and now it's my turn to lead the effort, with great help from my many colleagues."

It's Not Too Late to Buy a Brick!

Honor a loved one—For a $1,000 donation, you can still have your name, or a loved one's, engraved on a brick at the Alumni Healthful Living Center. To purchase a brick, simply fill out the form below and return it to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119-2686, or call 1-800-962-6592

BRICK ORDER FORM

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___ My pledge is $_____ to be paid for 1, 2, or 3, (circle) years.

I would like to be billed in the month of _____.

___ My company is a matching gift company.

Company name:_____.

Brick Inscription: (Maximum of 18 characters per line/2 lines per brick)

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Name:_____

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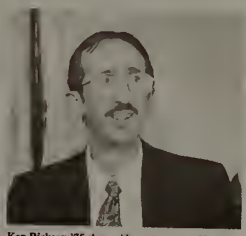
City:_____

State:_____Zip:_____Telephone:_____

National Committee Draws Plans

The National Committee of the Alumni Association, under the direction of chair Michael Susco '70, is developing plans for a national organization to assist the College in three principal areas. These areas include assisting with the Alumni-in-Admissions program; strengthening the Alumni Career Network; and raising funds for the College's endowment. A significant part of their plans include increased services and improved communications with alumni.



Ken Rickson '75 shares ideas at a recent National Committee meeting of the Alumni Association.

Mike Susco '70 and Kim Mac Leod '73 at a recent National Committee meeting.

Reception in Rhode Island

The Marriott Hotel in Providence, RI, was the scene of a recent alumni reception hosted by Tom Gruppioni '77. Alumni from Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts gathered on November 3 to learn about the College's current emphasis on client service and the need for alumni to promote Western New England College to promising high school students. This reception is one of many planned for different parts of the country in the next year.

Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College, Tom Gruppioni '77, Donald Perry '94, and Dr. Judith Brissette, vice president for administration and planning at the College, at the alumni reception in Providence, RI, November 3, 1994.

Bricks continued to be engraved at the Alumni Healthful Living Center as alumni and friends continue to "buy bricks" with a donation of $1,000 or more.

Alumnus of the Year

"This recognition came as a complete surprise and will always be cherished," said Peter Stone upon being named the 1994 Alumnus of the Year. President of Peter Stone Associates, an investment firm consulting for CIGNA Corporation in Connecticut, Peter received his BA degree at Western New England College in 1970.

His marketing career took him away from the area for a few years, but when he returned, he came back to earn his MBA at WNEC in 1978. Wanting to give something back to the College that had given him so much, Peter became active in the Alumni Association. He says, "I've seen the College grow and prosper under excellent leadership and expand its campus by the completion of the master building plan."

Alfred LaRiviere '51, a trustee at the College, presented Peter with the award during Homecoming. Al said, "Peter's commitment to his Alma Mater is matched by his leadership abilities. When the Alumni Healthful Living Center campaign began, he was picked to serve as chair of the Alumni Fund. In addition, he served two years as alumni representative on the Board of Trustees. Then, he was elected president of the Alumni Association for the 1993-94 year. Peter lives what he believes: that every alumnus should donate his or her time, talents, and treasures in support of Western New England College."

Peter plans on staying active with the College. He adds, "It has been extremely gratifying to be part of such a dynamic alumni group, led ably by Tom Hastings, director of alumni affairs. I intend to stay committed to the success of the Alumni Association and WNEC. I will be an active past president and be available for opportunities to help. I'm just glad I was able to help make a difference for the next generation of healthy scholars."

Peter Stone, as Alumnus of the Year, speaks about excellence.

Alumni: How can we help you?

Take a minute and tell us what services you would like from your Alumni Association. Is it career counselling? Networking? Intern availabilities? Financial planning or other lectures in your area? Library resources?

YOU are a member of the Western New England College Alumni Association, and we want to know what you'd like. Please fill out the form below, send it back to us, and let us know what services you'd like to see your Alumni Association provide. **Send it to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Western New England College, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119. FAX 413-796-2007. E-mail: alumwnec@wnec.edu.**

If you don't have time to write, call us with your suggestions and ideas. We're ready to listen: 1-800-962-6592.

____ **Yes! I have ideas about how the Alumni Association can help me:**

1._____

2._____

3._____

Optional: Name:_____ Class:_____

Address:_____

Phone: Day:_____ Evening:_____

ALUMNI-IN-ADMISSIONS

Alumni take the Initiative

From Arizona to Virginia, New York to Florida, alumni nationwide have been lending a "helping hand" to the Admissions Office. Volunteers for the Alumni-in-Admissions program spent a busy spring attending over 50 college fairs in their regional areas, recruiting prospective students. That was almost a 100% increase over Spring 1993 when Alumni covered 26 fairs. These alumni offer another perspective than those of the admissions personnel who traditionally attend college fairs.

The Alumni-in-Admissions Advisory Board, which coordinates those activities in conjunction with the Admissions Office, proudly recognizes the following Spring 1994 volunteers: George Baymon '73 (Phoenix, AZ), Fred Brody '72 (Westfield, NJ), Jeff Boutin '89 (Savannah, GA), Bill Canfield '73 and Monica Canfield '73 (King of Prussia, PA), Steve Cawley '89 (Manassas, VA), Fred Clark '81 and Terri Clark '83 (Woodbury, CT), Michelle Cooke '74 (Bear, DE), Pam Croke '76 (Glenside, PA), Tim Davis '86 (Long Beach, NY), Christine Deeb '92 (East Greenwich, RI), John Derby '78 (Warrenville, IL), Kelly Dohert '85 and Scott Dohert '83 (Glen Falls, NY), Keith Fagan '89 (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY), Paul Fenwick '88 (Marietta, GA), Karen Ferone '93 (Albany, NY), Chris Frering '93 (Loudonville, NY), Peter Garafalo '74 (Derry, NH), Michael Garrish '87/G'94 (Derry, NH), Marilyn Gorman, '88 (Warwick, RI), Jeff Goulet '88 (West Springfield, MA), Greg Hodgkins '87 (Scarborough, ME), Everett Ladd '63 (Arlington, VA), Doug Leaman '79 (Kennett Square, PA), Ira Long '92 (Middletown, CT), Kathleen Marden '84 (Nahant, MA), Pam Keough '85 (Norwalk, CT), Hank Marois '71 (Tierra Verde, FL), Kara Maston '87 (Henrietta, NY), Dave Mavlouganes '88 (West Springfield, MA), Diane Miele '83 (Morris Plains, NJ), Michelle Richardson '91 (Waterbury, CT), Jeffrey Roszman '77 (Lockport, NY), John Russell '75 (Randolph, MA), Reginald Sanders '83 (Buffalo, NY), Leanne Stoddard '87 (McHenry, IL), Mary Tokarz '85 (Poughkeepsie, NY), Brooks Townsend '56 (Piscataway, NJ), Allison Verth '92 (Lakewood, CO), Mary Waldron '82 (Brockton, MA), Bill Walker '61 (Ocala, FL), Walt Weissman '71 (Livingston, NJ), and John Witzman '68 (Wilmington, DE).

ALUMNI: Your Signature is Worth Real Money to WNEC Applicants

Here's a gift from Western New England College that you can give to promising high school students. As an alumnus of Western New England College, if you know of a high school student who is applying to WNEC, you can save him or her the application fee by endorsing the application. That's all you have to do! Just print, then sign your name and put your class year at the bottom of the student's application, and the fee will be waived!

Your endorsement of the application does not affect the admissions process in any way. Saving prospective students some money, however, is no small gift. We hope you will send some students our way.

The Alumni-in-Admissions program is actively seeking your help. The commitment and the areas of volunteering are varied to fit your schedule. The easiest way to volunteer is by giving the College student referrals. You can refer relatives, their friends, neighbors, coworkers, or maybe even members of your church community. Each student referred will receive a telephone call from a student representative.

SUCCESS

Western New England College's Recipe for Success

Ingredients:

1. **One beautiful campus**
2. **200 distinguished faculty**
3. **One well-rounded student body**
4. **20,000 alumni volunteers**

Take Western New England College's beautiful 131-acre campus, add 200 distinguished and educated faculty and one well rounded student body. To make this a truly memorable recipe, stir in as many alumni as possible.

To refer someone, please return the following to:
Western New England College Admissions Office, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119-2688 or call 1-800-325-1122.

Name of candidate:_____

Mailing Address:_____

Phone number:_____

Present high school (if known):_____

Interests:_____

Your name:_____ Class_____

Your phone number:_____

Relationship to student:_____

CLASS NOTES

We're still recruiting volunteers for class correspondents, so if ynu're interested call Deborah Porter Savoie at (413) 782-1545.

David Erickson '63 has authored a book, *Colorado Corporate Forms 2d.*

Robert Trask '71 was elected to Berkshire Gas Company's Board of Directors.

Joseph Vincent '74 has been elected vice president of the Institute of Management Accountants for 1994-95.

Roland Loper '75 has been elected internal auditor of The Gillette Company.

1950

George Lacoske (BSBA) volunteers his time at Casimir Pulaski Public School in Meriden, CT. Also, the mayor of Meriden has appointed George to the committee for the renovation of their Senior Center. George was selected to "Who's Who of New England" in 1987.

1960

Colin Moodie (MBA) was named an Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) Fellow during the 45th annual International Industrial Engineering Conference in Atlanta. Dr. Moodie, a professor of industrial engineering at Purdue University, was recognized for distinguisbed service and leadership qualities that contributed significantly to the industrial engineering profession. The Fellow Award represents the highest level of membership in the Institute.

1961

Class Correspondent:
Denise Crawford
136 Meadow Road
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

1963

David Erickson (BSME) has authored a book, *Colorado Corporate Forms 2d,* which has just been published by Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, one of the largest legal publishers in the world. The book, containing approximately 1,200 pages in two volumes, focuses on the structure, organization, and management of corporations, limited liability companies, and other business enterprises. The book has nearly 1,000 sample documents which are also available on companion computer disks. The first edition of the book, which was published in 1984, has been sold widely to Colorado law firms and businesses. David is still practicing corporate and commercial law in Denver, CO.

1964

Pat Santaniello (BS) '68 (MBA) was promoted to manager of distributor sales at New Hampshire Ball Bearings Inc. (NHBB). He has more than 25 years experience in the bearing industry, with more than 23 of those years spent with NHBB.

Ervin Tessier (BSME) is a project startup supervisor and assistant staffing manager with Bechtel Corporation's Startup and Operating Services Department in Maryland. During his 20 years with Bechtel, he has been associated with Massachusetts projects such as Ludlow's Stony Brook Energy Center, Boston's SEMASS Waste To Energy Facility, Springfield's MASSPOWER Plant, and currently Boston's Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project.

1965

Robert Ramsdell (BSBA), president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the NLC Insurance Cos. of Norwich, CT, has been elected chairman of the Mutual Fire Insurance Association of New England.

1966

Class Correspondent:
Theodore Demago, Jr.
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Southwick, MA 01077
(413) 569-6863

1968

Class Correspondent:
Ronald Bettini
1200 Southampton Drive
Port Orange, FL 32119-2496

Lawrence Beane (BA) was named executive vice president at Greenfield Co-Operative Bank in Greenfield, MA. He and his wife and three children live in Huntington, MA.

Alan Suher (BSBA) recently joined Windsor Marketing Group in Windsor Locks, CT, as vice president of human resources. He lives in Longmeadow, MA.

1969

Jack Kennedy (BSBA) writes, "Thanks to all who welcomed us back for our 25th and the College's 75th Anniversary. I enjoyed seeing the campus and bad a great time Saturday night (October 22) at the Comfort Inn Dinner/Dance."

Bill Laramee (BSBA) was one of 95 college leaders chosen from the United States and Canada to participate in the prestigious Harvard Institute for Educational Management. Bill has served as dean of institutional advancement at Lyndon State College in Vermont since 1991, and has worked at Lyndon State since 1979. Participants in the three week program are selected for their "breadth of responsibility, varied professional experience, commitment to the field of higher education, and potential for continuing educational leadersbip." Bill was also the 1993 recipient of the state of Vermont's Martha H. O'Connor Award for private citizen contribution to public education. He and his wife, Monica, are the parents of four children and live in Lyndon.

1970

Class Correspondent:
Guy Lithwin
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(413) 445-5573

1971

Class Correspondent:
Thomas E. Rokosz
2815 Clubhouse Drive
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 576-4940 (days)

Walter Pictrowski, Jr. (BSBA) has been promoted to financial project manager in actuarial administration at Berkshire Life Insurance Company in Pittsfield, MA. He joined the company in 1971. He lives in Pittsfield with his wife, Anne Marie, and their two children.

Robert Trask (BSBA) was elected to Berkshire Gas Company's Board of Directors. Robert lives in Lee, MA, and is president and chief operating officer of Country Curtains, a mail order retailer of window treatments, headquartered in Stockbridge, MA. In addition, he serves as the chief financial officer for Fitzpatrick Retail & Realty Company, Housatonic Curtain Company, The Red Lion Inn, and Blantyre, all holdings of the Fitzpatrick family of Stockbridge.

1972

Paul McConnell (MBA) joined Fleet Bank nf Maine as president, chief executive officer and market manager in August. He was chairman and chief executive officer of Bank of Boston, Florida, N.A.

Donald Sheldon (BSCEM) is a volunteer director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin-East Central Division.

1973

Edward Sarkisian (MBA) of Norwalk, CT, was named senior vice president, engineering, at Electronic Information Systems, Inc. He joined the company in 1990.

1974

Class Correspondent:
Michele Cooke
11 Dasher Avenue
Bear, DE 19701

William Fisk (MBA) was appointed to the Bennington Regional Board as an associate board member of the First Vermont Bank. William is president of Fisk, Reed & Love, P.C., a certified public accounting firm in Bennington, VT.

Joseph Vincent (BSBA), vice president of finance and CFO of Novametrix Medical Systems, Inc. in Wallingford, CT, has been elected vice president of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), for 1994-95. He assumed office July 1. IMA, based in Montvale, NJ, is the world's largest organization of management accountants and financial managers.

1975

Paul Kenyon (BSBA) has been named vice president of Commercial Loans at Park West Bank and Trust Company. He lives in East Longmeadow, MA, with his wife, Carolyn. They have two children, Brian and Pamela.

Roland Loper (MBA) bas been elected internal auditor of The Gillette Company by the Board of Directors. He joined the company in 1970. He lives in Franklin, MA with his family.

William Pierce, Jr. (BSBA) has joined Peterborough Savings Bank as vice president and controller. He lives in Peterborough, NH, with his wife, Laura, and daughter, Melissa.

1976

Class Correspondent:
John S. Bonatakis
19 Kimberly Circle
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Robert Campbell (BSLE) bas been named as new chief of police of Agawam, MA. A lifelong resident of Agawam, Robert has been a member of the Police Department since 1973.

Don Giguere (BSBA) was named controller of Veritech Corporation of East Longmeadow, MA. He is a certified public accountant.

Taniel Santourian (BA) is the owner of Market Street Cafe & Grille, in Springfield, MA. The new restaurant features all-you-can-eat buffet food as well as table service and includes 60 outdoor seats. Taniel was recently featured in the Springfield *Union News.*

1977

Class Correspondent:
Patricia (Reale) Serafino
37 Pleasant Valley Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Phone: (413) 789-2032

1978

Lynne Gladstone, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class, recently received a Letter of Commendation. She was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned with commander in chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, London, England. She consistently performed her demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Lynne joined the Navy in 1979.

Take a Cruise with your fellow Alumni!

Join other Western New England College alumni for a Bermuda Cruise on the Royal Majesty, owned by the Majesty Cruise Line. The seven night, Sunday to Sunday cruise begins July 9, 1995. The ship leaves from Boston and will be based in St. George's, Bermuda, for about four days. Here's something you're sure to like: the Royal Majesty offers a great children's program, so parents can be together wbile the children are kept active.

Prices are affordable: For an ocean view cabin with a picture window, the cost is only $999 per person, double occupancy. For an inside cabin (no window), the cost is $949 per person, double occupancy. A third and fourth person added to either cabin is only $399 per person. Added to these prices is a port charge of $149 per person.

If at least 40 people are interested in a bus to Boston from WNEC, Majesty Cruise Line will contribute towards its cost.

This WNEC Alumni Cruise is being offered through the Cruise Store, a divisinn nf Sea-Buys Travel Services Ltd., Dnnald Anderson '80/L'83, president. Fnr further infnrmatinn, nr tn make reservatinns, call the nffice nf Alumni Affairs at 1-800-962-6592.

1979

Class Correspondent:
Esthela Bergemn
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Holyoke, MA 01040

Mary (Laymond) Harvazinski
420 Pinkster Lane
Slingerlands, NY 12159

Cornelius Mahoney (MBA), presideot of Womnoco Savings Bank in Westfield, MA, has been elected chairman of the board of the Massachusetts Bankers Association. His term will run until July 1, 1995.

John Piispanen (BSBA) and his wife, **Suzanne (Varley) Piispanen** 'gg (BSBA) are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Michael James, March 13, 1994.

1980

Gary Tehbetts (BSBA) of Longmeadow, MA, has joined Chase, Clarke & Stewart, a Springfield insurance agency, as marketing and client service representative.

Cindy (Levine) Thomas (BA) recently bad her second child, Corey Michael. He joins his brother, Aaron, 6.

Dr. William Strickland, author of *Malcolm X: Make It Plain*, was on campus April 16 to autograph books at D'Amour Library. Dr. Strickland is professor of African American studies at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. The book was also the subject of a PBS documentary that aired locally during February 1994. The book being signed in the photo was donated to the Diversity office at WNEC by the members of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Springfield Chapter, who cosponsored the event. Pictured L to R: Denice Ware '87, Yvonne Bogle, director of diversity programs & services, Dr. Strickland, and Linda Silva. Photo by Edward Cohen.

1981

Class Correspondent:
Lynn (Schneider) McCreary
927 Pamela Lane
Lawrence, KS 66049

Mike Halton (BSBA) has been working for Norwegian Cruise Line for the past ten years, and is currently the chief purser on the M/S Seaward. When oot on the ship, Mike lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and would like to be kept informed regarding any WNEC reunions. Write to Mike at 1055 South America Way, East Tower, Suite 151, Miami, FL 33132.

David Martin (BSBA) a chiropractor in Pittsfield, MA, was featured recently in the *Berkshire Eagle*.

Lynn (Schneider) McCreary (BA) writes, "I have recently joined the Topeka, Kansas, law firm of Frieden, Haynes & Forbes as an attomey. I am currently living in Lawrence, KS, with my husband, Terry, and our six-year-old son, Morgan."

Michael Mishol (BSBA) is a senior account executive for affiliate sales and marketing, Southeast region, for ESPN, the cable sports channel. Mike has worked for the past seven years in the finance department. He lives in Bristol, CT, with his wife, Julie, and daughter, Jaqueline.

Rick Welker (BSBA) is the first reciplent of the Deane C. Avery Award, giveo to a Connecticut resident for advancing freedom of information and freedom of speecb. The award was given by *The Day* of New Londoo. In presenting the award to Rick, Reid MacCluggage, editor and publisher of *The Day*, said Rick showed personal courage in forcing the Enfield (CT) Planning and Zoning Commission to make public a secret deal that allowed a developer to build a $50 million addition to a condominium complex. The award carries a $500 cash prize and a plaque. Rick, who lives in Enfield, is director of external reporting and property accounting at Ames Department Stores, Inc. in Rocky Hill, CT. He hopes to encourage other WNEC graduates to become more actively involved in their communities.

Judy Witowski (BA) married Dr. Josepb Argentine, from Pittsburgh, PA, July 10, 1993. Judy eamed her master's degree in communication disorders from UMass-Amherst and is a communication specialist with the East Whittier City School District. Her husband is a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Molecular Biology at the University of California-Irvine. They live in Costa Mesa, CA.

1982

Class Correspondents:
Robert "Bob" Craig, Jr.
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West Hartford, CT 06107

Mary (Przybylowicz) Waldron
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Brockton, MA 02401
(508) 586-0394

James Brown (MBA) was named director of informatlon management in the insurance and financial management division of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, MA. He lives in Belchertown, MA, and has been with the company since 1986.

Ellen Forman (BSBA) writes, "I am a class correspondent for the Class of 1982. I would love to get mail from you, telling me about your jobs, families, accomplishments, etc. I'm really looking forward to bearing from you."

Allan Freeman (MBA) has been named chief executive officer of THC Bostoo, a bospital specializing in long-term critical care for patients suffering from catastrophic accidents or illnesses. He was previously presideot and chief executive officer at the Summit Institute for Pulmonary Medicine and Rehabilitation in Bossier City, LA.

Margaret Hertig LaMotte (BSBA) was recently promoted to director of the Large Corporate Market Division of MassMutual. She lives in Wilbraham with her bushand, Rick, and daughter, Alissa, 4.

Timothy Mazzer (BSME) announces the birth of his second daughter, Tyra, born May 13, 1994. He writes, "This happeoed to be the day before I graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Masters of Engineering in Mecbanical Engineering. I also graduated from GE's Advanced Course in Engineering which is a three-year program that includes course work at Rensselaer. I also have a new job, applications marketer turret drive and stabilization systems at Martin Marietta, formerly GE, in Pittsfield, MA. GE Aerospace, of which I was part of, merged with Martin Marietta. My wife, Ellen, is the new products manager at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge. Hopefully the fall will be a time to relax and catch up with some friends. We usually meet up with Stuart and Maria King as well as Bill and Ginny Farr at bomecoming!"

Patricia Monteiro had a baby girl, Demitra Rae Pickering, April 15, 1994. She bas resigned after 12 years with the Department of Social Services to raise ber daughter.

Karen (Dragon) Wakeling (BSBA) has recently returned fmm two years in England. Her husband, Tim, had been working there. Their two sons, David and Peter, also lived there. They will now reside in Dracut, MA.

Mary (Przybylowicz) Waldron (BA) is pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Casey Angela, born July 30, 1994.

1983

Class Correspondent:
Lee Ann Harvey
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Agawam, MA 01001-2148
(413) 786-6151

Lee Ann Harvey (BSME), after mailing in class notes, was off to Italy to hike in the Italian Alps for two weeks. She writes, "Drop me a note about your vacation, your new job, or your new children, so your classmates can keep up-to-date!"

John Hulick (BA) has left Signs of Sobriety, Inc., where he was founder and executive director for seven years, and accepted the position of public policy coordinator for the New Jersey Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc. He has been named a 1994 National Leadership Fellow by Join Together, a national resource center funded by a grant fmm The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Boston University School of Public Health to help communities fight substance abuse. As a Join Together Fellow, John received a full scholarship for a week-long leadership training institute in August, and will participate in leadership development programs over the next two years.

The recent World Cup held in the U.S. gave WNEC soccer players a good reason for a reunion at Foxboro. L to R: Bill Lindsay '77, Mark Starpoli '76, Ed Lindsay '78, Frank Starpoli '78, and Gary Webster '77.

Donald Murphy, Jr. (BS) recently received his master of science degree in civil and environmental engineering fmm the University of Rhode Island. Donald is employed by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation as a senior civil engineer. He and his wife, Renee, and their three children live in Warwick, RI.

Janice Quinn (BS) married Brian Potter June 24, 1994, in Deland, FL. Both Brian and Janice are originally fmm East Longmeadow, MA, but oow make their home in the Sunshine State where Janice is a loss control specialist for Crum & Forster Insurance.

Mary (Bazan) and Richard Vollaro (BSME & BSME) announced the birth of their twin boys July 11, 1994. Douglas Edgar Vollaro weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and Kenneth Henry Vollaro weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. They were welcomed home by big brother Timothy.

1984

Class Correspondent:
Patricia Dimauro Prunty
R.D. 1 Box 467 Sigler Road
Pine Plains, NY 12567

Normand Boulanger (BSBA) received a Master of Arts degree with a major in economies from Trinity College May 22, 1994.

William Roy (BSME) was among 47 Kennedy Space Center (KSC) employees who were honored recently for their exemplary work at the nation's spaceport. At KSC, William is employed by NASA as a logistics engineer for Space Shuttle payload launch processing. He joined the space center in 1988. The 47 employees selected were part of a contingent of some 250 NASA and contractor employees from throughout the space agency being honored for their professional dedication and

Now is the Time to Make Your Will

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The best time would be: _____

outstanding achievement in support of the manned spaceflight program. William and his wife, Laura Ann, have two children and live in Rockledge, FL.

Susan (Macaione) Schaffman (BSBA) was named the new director of public affairs for the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS). She will be responsible for all media relations and public affairs programming for the 6,000 plus physician member organization. She lives in West Hartford, CT.

1985

Class Correspondent:
Charlene (Downes) Metcalf
50 Armstrong Road
Enfield, CT 06082

Kevin Hamel (BSBA) and **Jacquie (DeChristopher)** '88 (BSBA) announce the birth of their daughter, Allyson Christine, June 11, 1993. They live in Cheshire, CT.

Jacqueline LaMarch (MBA) of West Springfield, MA, recently joined the Family Planning Council of Western Massachusetts as fiscal operations manager. She was previously controller of the Mental Health Association of Greater Springfield.

Frank Mignano (BSME) writes that after nine years of working for Schenck Trebel (seven and a half years on Long Island), he has joined Monitoring Technology Corp. as a sales engineer in Houston, TX. He married Diane Silk in November 1991. They have a daughter, Nicole Audrey, and another child on the way.

Linda (Tortorici) Phillips (BSBA) now lives in Annapolis, MD. On October 24, 1992, she had a son named Trevor.

James Rainville (BSBA) has joined the West Springfield office of Landry, Lyons & White Co./Better Homes and Gardens as a sales associate. He lives in Agawam, MA.

Patricia (Zdebski) Tremblay (BSBA) and her husband announce the birth of their second child, Julie, on November 24, 1993. Julie's brother, Robert, is three years old. The Tremblays live in Webster, MA.

Many alumni were on hand September 4 to help freshman students move into their residence halls. In the picture: Lisa Bozenhard '89 and Steve Zajchowski '94 help out.

1986

Class Correspondent:
Debra Lans
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Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 351-8356 (days)

Peter Brown has been awarded a post doctoral fellowship by the Quebec Ministry of Higher Education to do research in representation theories of algebra. He will work with Dr. Ibrahim Assem at the University of Sherbrooke. Peter holds a master's and doctorate in mathematics from Syracuse University.

Doug and Maura (Mitchell) Beck celebrated the first birthday of their son, Mitchell Douglas, September 17, 1994. The Beck family lives in Smithfield, RI.

Maria Fattibene (BSBA) writes that she is getting married September 24, 1994, to Jim Straus of Berkeley, CA.

Bruce Jones (MBA), of Northfield, MA, was appointed manager of factory operations at Basketville, Inc. in Putney, VT. His responsibilities include product costing, raw materials acquisition, production scheduling, and other areas.

Douglas Wutka (BSEE), Navy Lt., recently completed the Submarine Officers Advanced Course, taught at Naval Submarine School, Groton, CT. He joined the Navy in June 1986.

1987

Class Correspondents:
Frank "Chip" Dyer
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Enfield, CT 06082-1938
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Michael Lauzier
46 Goose Nest at Lakewood
South Windsor, CT 06047

Chip Dyer (BSEE) '89 (MSEE) writes, "I finally did it. On May 28, 1994, I married **Donna Sissick** '89. We are now living in Enfield, CT. I am currently employed by Otis Elevator Co. in Bloomfield, CT, as a senior design engineer. Donna is employed by CIGNA in Bloomfield as a senior accountant. For advance planning, our 7th annual white-water raft trip will be Saturday, April 22, 1995, on the Hudson River in Upper New York. It is a good class 3-4 river, and we usually have between 15 and 36 people every year. If you are interested in going, get in touch with me! Other news I have: **Dave Nardi** (BS) and his wife, Charlene, had a baby girl, Jessica; **Andre Russotti** (BS) is getting married October 1 to Deborah Bourgeois; **Dave Ciolkos** (BSBA) and his wife, Diane, are living in Agawam, MA; and **Jay Aronson** (BA) married Stacy Pomerantz on May 29, 1994."

Annette Pighetti (BSME) married Timothy Knopf on May 30, 1994, in Las Vegas, NV. Annette is employed at Pratt & Whitney's North Haven plant as a senior manufacturing engineer. Tim is a senior instrumentation engineer at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. They live in Andover, CT.

Rosemary (Barber) Pixley (BSBE) has accepted the position of mechanical testing technician with New Hampshire Materials Laboratory of Dover.

Wayne Ryan (BSBA) was named junior accountant for the Pro Corp. in Florence, MA. He lives in South Hadley, MA.

1988

Class Correspondents:
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David Iwanicki
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Work: (317) 276-7011

Suzanne Piispanen
55 Golden Drive
Florence, MA 01060

Cliff Akerley (BSBA) and his wife, Linda, announce the birth of their son, Brett Allan, born April 2, 1994. They live in Tolland, CT. Cliff is the senior buyer at Carlingswitch and Linda works for Coca-Cola.

Michael Bonfanti (BSBA) and his wife, Nancy, announce the birth of their son, Brett Michael, June 13, 1994. They live in Nazareth, PA.

Catherine Curran (BA) married Carl McKenzie on July 10, 1993. Carl is a computer operator at LEGO Systems Inc. They had a baby boy, Curran David McKenzie, on May 5, 1994. The McKenzies live in Wilbraham, MA.

Mike Gianchetta (BSBA) recently married Susan Liebowitz, who is a CNBC producer in Ft. Lee, NJ. They are building a house in Huntington, NY. Mike is the owner of GIANCO, Ltd., in Hicksville, NY, an environmental services company specializing in plastics recycling with clients nationwide.

Jacquie (DeChristopher) Hamel (BSBA) and **Kevin Hamel** '85 (BSBA) announce the birth of their daughter, Allyson Christine, June 11, 1993. They live in Cheshire, CT.

David Henderson (MBA) has been named vice president, planning and development at Central Massachusetts Health Care, Inc., in Worcester, MA. David was previously director of marketing, planning, and public relations at Carney Hospital in Boston.

Robert Oliver III (BSBA) married Christine Moran July 10, 1993. Their first child, Katherine Christine Oliver, was born July 24, 1994. Robert has a new position with the Springfield Falcons hockey team.

Robert Pearson (BSBA) has been promoted to vice president at Precision Sales International, Inc. in Westfield, MA.

Todd Phillips (BS), Air National Guard Airman 1st Class, graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He was a basic training honors graduate.

Suzanne (Varley) Piispanen (BSBA) and her husband, **John Piispanen** '79 (BSBA) are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Michael James, March 13, 1994. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

Terri Lynn (Hulton) Pitt (BSBA) '91 (MBA) and her husband, Kenny, had a daughter, Jennifer Caitlin Pitt, April 29, 1994.

1989

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Walter Armstrong (MBA) has been promoted to the rank of major in the Air Force. He is a chief of the program analysis branch.

Lisa Dunia (BSBA) married **Jeffrey Medeiros** '90 (BSBA) August 27, 1994. Lisa is an advertising account executive at the *Advocate* Newspapers. Jeffrey graduated from the University of Toledo School of Law in Toledo, OH.

Brenda Hnatow (MBA) was promoted to finance officer at Springfield Institution for Savings. Brenda lives in Ludlow and began her career with SIS in 1991 as an accounting systems manager.

Kenneth McInerney, Jr. (BSEE) married Judith Darling March 19, 1994. Ken is an electrical engineer and Judith is an elementary and special education teacher. They live in Berkshire, MA.

1987 graduates Chip Dyer and Andre Russotti on vacation in Cancun, Mexico this past August.

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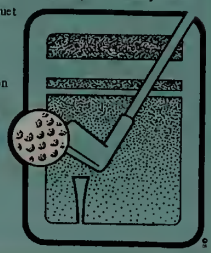

Mitchell Douglas Beck, son of Doug and Maura (Mitchell) Beck '86, turned one on September 17, 1994.

Brett Michael, son of Michael '88 and Nancy Bonfanti. Brett was born on June 13, 1994.

Luisa Neves-Jarrett was named assistant general manager of Fairfield Mall in Chicopee by the Rubin Organization, owner and developer of the mall. She joined the company in 1992 and was most recently its property accountant.

1990

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Robin Ade (BSBA) has joined the staff of Keiler & Company as an account manager in the company's Advertising Group. Her initial account-team assignments include the Savings Bank of Manchester and CIGNA. She lives in Manchester, CT.

Michael Davin (MBA) married Maureen Fosko April 30, 1994. Michael is a certified public accountant in Piscataway, NJ. His wife is a Brookings Congressional Fellow for Bell Atlantic with U.S. Senator John Breaux in Washington, D.C.

Kelly Gorman (BSBA) married David Dougan on May 7, 1993. They have a beautiful baby boy named Sean Michael, born March 19, 1994. Kelly works at MassMutual as a technical support assistant in the Pension Management Department. They live in Springfield, MA.

Mia Jakobsen (BSBA) married William Howard Webb November 27, 1993. William is a graduate of AIC with a degree in biology. Mia is beginning her third year of teaching and has a masters of special education from Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, CT.

Dan Jordan (MBA) of Springfield has joined Friendly Ice Cream Corporation as an accountant. He formerly served as supervising senior accountant at KPMG Peat Marwick.

Audrey McDonald (BS) is currently employed as a clinician at the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in Springfield, MA. She is engaged to Daniel P. Coonan and plans to get married in June 1995.

Christian Olsen (BSBA) of Little Silver, NJ, is employed by the National Football League in Manhattan, NY. He works in the Player Personnel department.

Peter Talbot (BSBA) married **Elizabeth Work** (BSBA) recently. Elizabeth is an underwriter for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, MA. Peter is a transportation analyst at First Brands in West Hartford, CT.

1991

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Kimberly Archer (BSBA) is employed at Haagen-Dazs, Inc., in Woodbridge, NJ. She lives in Shrewsbury, NJ.

Christina Barklow (BSBA), Army Spec., has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

Jen Cote (BA) backpacked Europe for one month with **Michelle Richardson** and **Alicia Swatson**. Jen then moved to San Francisco, CA, for at least 6 months. She will pursue a job in psychology. Jen had been working at Brown University in Rhode Island before her big move.

Jessie de la Reza (BSBA) lives in Trumbull, CT, and works at Xerox in Stamford, CT.

Tom DeSantis (BA) is responsible for marketing Pioneer Mutual Funds to the Manhattan/Long Island Investment Community. He writes, "I'm single, have been traveling frequently, and I love living in Boston!"

Noelle Haller (BSBA) married **Paul Landry** (BSBA) on August 28, 1993. They are living in West Des Moines, IA. Noelle is a senior underwriter with St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company. Paul is a store manager for Quiktrip, a popular chain in Iowa. They say hello.

Mary Kauffmann (BSBA) has recently moved to Andover, MA, where she has accepted the position of catering manager at Phillips Academy. Mary is engaged to Jay Kromenhoek.

Kristin (Wilfong) King (BA) and **Rich King** (BA) have relocated to New Orleans, LA, with their cat, Bud. Rich is a first year law student at Loyola and Kristin is a paralegal, a degree which she completed in June before leaving CT. She has also had some offers as a stand-in for several movies being filmed in New Orleans!

James Rich (BSBA) writes, "I recently moved to Connecticut from Tampa, FL. I have joined The Starter Company, New Haven, CT, as a junior accountant. I plan to sit for the CPA Exam next year."

Michelle Richardson (BSBA), your Class Correspondent, writes, "Hi Class of '91! Hope everyone is doing well! I have heard from some of you, but what about the rest? I would love to hear about what you are doing—then I can forward it to *The Communicator*. As for me, I graduated in May 1994 from Springfield College with a Master of Education degree in Counseling & Psychological Services with a concentration in student personnel administration. After graduation I backpacked Europe for one month with **Jen Cote** and **Alicia Swatson** (which was incredible!) Then after a long serious job search and interviewing process I accepted a position at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA, as the student activities coordinator. I love my job and Virginia! Unfortunately, I couldn't make it back for Homecoming, so please get in touch, and fill me in. Take Care."

Christie St. Denis (BSBA) is currently living in Agawam, MA, while working at U.S.T. Subaki Inc. in Holyoke, where she is a manufacturing analyst.

Alicia Swatson (BSBA) backpacked Europe with **Jen Cote** and **Michelle Richardson** as (an incredible) vacation from C.J.F. INK in Trumbull, CT, as an agent for Shawmut Bank in the Consumer Loans Department.

Heather (Congdon) Uppert (BSBA) and Keith Uppert are living in Westboro, MA, with their dog, Max. Keith has a new job at New England Satellite Systems as the director of marketing & sales, which is in Shrewsbury, while Heather works as the financial assistant at Ball Financial.

Paul Yacovone (BSBA) married **Tammie Orlando** '93 (BSBA) in May 1994. They live in Enfield, CT, where Paul is an account manager for Hershey Chocolate U.S.A. and Tammie is a human resource specialist at Dairy Mart Corporate Headquarters.

James York, (BSME), Air National Guard Airman 1st Class, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

1992

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Amy Badal (BA) graduated with an M.S. degree in college student personnel services from Miami University, Ohio, in May 1994. She is coordinator for leadership education at Appalachian State University in North Carolina. She writes, "All is well here. I love my new job and North Carolina."

Second Lt. **Michael Barry** (BSBA), Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, for meritorious service while serving as a company fire support officer while stationed in Korea. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant on July 6, and is stationed at Fort Bragg, NC.

Gretchen Ann Braun (BSIE) is still employed by Energy Research Group, Inc. and has recently been assigned the title of research engineer. She spent a week in Aruba in August.

Andrea Gaspardino (BA) completed her masters degree in college student personnel services from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. She is now working at Quinipiac College as an area coordinator in Residential Life. She was also initiated into Pi Beta Phi Women's Fraternity.

Thomas Mazzella (BA), Marine 2nd Lt., recently graduated from The Basic School. During the course at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, VA, newly commissioned officers are prepared for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force.

Diane Starkweather (BA) is employed with AT&T, Corporate Accounting, in Morristown, NJ. She is working towards an MBA degree and is currently dancing with the New Jersey Ballet. She lives in Bridgewater, NJ.

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In Memoriam

Myron H. Taylor, a graduate of Springfield Northeastern, died April 23, 1994. A retired draftsman, he was 86 years old. He was employed at the former Gilbert and Barker Company of West Springfield until his retirement. He moved to Cape Cod from Springfield 16 years ago. He leaves his sister, Grace Taylor, and a niece.

Richard M. Linton '52 (BSBA) died on February 28, 1994.

Harold Cote '53 (MSEM) died August 25, 1994, at age 76. A lifelong resident of Enfield, CT, he was a former civic and political leader there. His wife, Anne (Sullivan), died in 1978. He leaves three sons, Harold Jr., William, and John, a daughter, Susan Silver, his fiancee, Agnes Jonas, two brothers, two sisters, and 13 grandchildren.

Edward Paterwic '53/G'71 died May 28, 1994, at age 71. He was employed by the State of Connecticut Commission of Hospital and Health Care for 20 years, and retired in 1984. He lived in Enfield, CT, and was previously a 25-year employee at Gilbert and Barker in West Springfield. He leaves his wife, Gladys (Lapine), a son, Donald, a daughter, Theresa Malack, four brothers, a sister, and four grandchildren.

John J. Carey '62 (BSBA), retired branch manager for Southwood Machinery Company of Springfield, died June 21, 1994, at age 74. He was employed by Caterpillar Dealerships for 48 years, and retired in 1988. A lifetime resident of Enfield, CT, he leaves his wife, Janice (Nelson), a son, John, two daughters, Ellen Bernstein and Dr. Sheila Grossman, a sister, and seven grandchildren.

E. Denison Miner '67 (MBA) died July 30, 1994. He lived in Hampden, MA, and was a certified public accountant, and a principal in the firm of Burkhart, Pizzanelli, Miner, Pratt & Co. of West Springfield. He was an air force veteran and served in Germany. He leaves his wife, Carol (Brennan), a son, Edward, a daughter, Susan, and a brother.

Michael Fitzpatrick '73 (BSBA) died April 24, 1994, at age 44, after a brief illness. He lived in Brooklyn and was a marketing representative for the New York City Transit Authority in Brooklyn and Manhattan for the past several years. Michael and his wife, Cheryl (Zellman) '73 were Alumni-in-Admissions volunteers for the College. He leaves his wife, a daughter, Hillary, a son, Kyle, his mother, and a brother.

Theodore Erhardt, Jr. '77 (BSLE) died June 30, 1994. He was a retired 30-year member of the Chicopee Police Department. He lived in Chicopee, MA, for many years before moving to North Port, FL, in 1991. He leaves his wife, Jacqueline (Forest), a son, David, three daughters, Brenda Ahern, Joanne Petuco, and Cheryl Doyle, a brother, and six grandchildren.

James Lynch III '78 (BSBA) died August 7, 1994. He was an accountant for Chicopee Electric Light Co. and lived in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam, MA. He leaves two sons, James IV and Christopher, his parents, James Lynch, Jr. and Jane (Bandoski) McCreadie, a brother, and two sisters.

Jeff Naginsky '80 (BSBA) died recently of a massive heart attack at age 36. He lived in Englewood, NJ. While at WNEC, Jeff was manager of the Rathskellar and captain of the tennis team.

Thomas Zingarelli '88 (BSBA) died in an automobile accident March 25, 1994. He left his wife, Karen, and their six month old daughter, Alexandra. He was recently promoted to sales manager in the banking investment firm of Thomas James and Associates, a national organization of brokers and investment analysts. Karen and Thomas had just moved into a new home three months before the accident. His father writes, "Thomas always said that the four years he spent at Western New England College were the happiest days in his life. My wife and I want to thank everyone at the College for the great job you all did, providing the best education for our son."

Father Brian Boland, WNEC Roman Catholic Chaplain from 1960 to 1968, died in March 1994. He was the pastor of St. Patrick's Church in South Hadley, MA. Father Boland was an artist, a poet, and friend to the late Cesar Chavez. Rev. Bruce Teague, director of campus ministry at WNEC, delivered the eulogy at the funeral.

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Denise Work (BSBA) of Agawam, MA, was named assistant vice president in the corporate human resource service center division at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. recently. She joined the company in 1979.

1993

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Robert Haven III (MBA) was elected to the position of vice president responsible for loan servicing at Athol Savings Bank in Athol, MA. He began with the bank as a management trainee in 1980. He lives in Orange, MA, with his wife, Holly, and daughter, Megan.

Pamela Minella (BSBA) is attending Central Connecticut State University for her Master's in International Management. She became engaged December 23, 1993, to Randy McCann. They planned to marry in October.

Daniel Morrison (BSME) is engaged to Lisa Schaubroeck. Dan is an engineer in the automotive industry in North Detroit, MI. His fiancee is employed by the University of Michigan Hospital at Ann Arbor. They planned an August 13 wedding.

1994

Wallace Fabian, Jr. (MBA) married Sarah Sweet recently. Wallace is an account manager for Data Pro in Delran, NJ. Sarah is a computer-aided design manager at Jones New York in Bristol, PA.

Kaidin Lyons (BSCJ) is among 112 new volunteers in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Southwest. The Jesuit Volunteer Corps is the oldest and largest Catholic lay volunteer program in existence. The Southwest region covers California and Arizona. During their year of service, volunteers live and work among the poor. They work in homeless shelters, schools, medical clinics, food banks, and job placement programs.

Ken Nunes (BSCJ) works as an EMT M/D for both Hampden County Sheriff's Department and Charter Ambulance in Springfield, MA.

Silvino Quenga, Lieutenant USN, (MBA) and his family will be moving from Cape Cod to Hawaii in November 1994, where Silvino will assume the duty of engineering officer in USS Willamette (AO-177).

Rebecca Robb (BA) is engaged to **Michael Poma** '95 (BSBA). The wedding is planned for July 8, 1995, in Naples, ME.

Tonya Ward (BA) was presented a $4,000 scholarship for graduate study by Price Chopper Supermarkets of Schenectady, NY. Tonya plans to attend law school.

Nichole Wilkes (BA) writes, "I am currently working as a patient services coordinator in the admissions department of Charles River Hospital-West in Chicopee, MA, after being promoted from a psychiatric technician."

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